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Dear Resident:

Recently, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) presented a plan for the temporary traffic mitigation measures associated with the Fremont Bridge Approach Replacement Project at an Open House in the Queen Anne Community Center. It was mailed out to the neighborhood bounded by 3rd Avenue W, W Florentia Street, 4th Avenue N, Queen Anne Drive, and W McGraw Street.

At this meeting, SDOT heard the response from residents most severely impacted by the temporary installations in addition to other community members and continued to receive feedback in the following weeks after the meeting. As a result, SDOT has revised the temporary mitigation plan. Please refer to the revised temporary traffic mitigation measures plan included on the last page of this letter.

The revised plan addresses safety concerns, focuses traffic onto major arterials, and attempts to mitigate the impact of the Fremont Bridge closures. The measures outlined in the attached plan are temporary and will be in effect during construction on the Fremont Bridge. SDOT is committed to monitoring the impact of these temporary measures and will make adjustments if it is determined that there is an unanticipated major increase in traffic along any of the residential streets.

How Did We Get Here?

In 2004, SDOT was approached by representatives from the North Queen Anne Neighbors' Association and the Mayfair Neighbors' Association concerned about the additional neighborhood cut-through traffic generated by the partial closures of the Fremont Bridge during construction. As a result, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) committed to installing temporary traffic mitigation measures to alleviate anticipated neighborhood traffic impacts in the North Queen Anne and Mayfair neighborhoods.

Representatives from each neighborhood worked with SDOT to propose temporary traffic mitigation measures. These temporary measures are intended to provide SDOT and the neighborhoods an opportunity to evaluate their effectiveness and their appropriateness prior to committing to a permanent installation.

Once SDOT shared these proposed temporary traffic mitigation measures with a broader community, it became clear that many residents had concerns about access to their homes. The attached plan reflects a balancing of safety and access priorities.

In order to address residents concerns about speeds, SDOT added temporary traffic calming devices, specifically traffic circles, to the plan. They will be installed at the intersections of 1st



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Avenue North and West Armour Street, 2nd Avenue North and Fulton Street, Mayfair Avenue North and Fulton Street, and 3rd Avenue North and Fulton Street. The temporary traffic circles will be implemented using paint, flexible delineators, and signs.

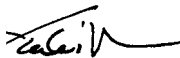
What's Next?

Implementation of the temporary measures will begin tentatively in late March/early April of 2006 and will remain in place for approximately 13 months, through the duration of the partial closures on the Fremont Bridge. The temporary measures will be installed 2-3 months prior to the partial closures in order for SDOT to conduct traffic studies at several locations before and after the temporary traffic mitigation measures are installed. SDOT will compare the traffic studies and will re-evaluate the temporary measures as necessary if the volume of traffic increases due to the bridge closures. Please keep in mind that this time frame may be revised depending on the Fremont Bridge Approach Replacement construction schedule.

Cut-through traffic a long-standing complaint from the neighborhood groups, and a number of the temporary mitigation measures may well be appropriate for long term application should the neighborhood successfully go through the process of endorsement. To make the installations permanent or to obtain implementation of additional measures, the North Queen Anne and Mayfair neighborhoods must either obtain the Queen Anne Community Council's endorsement of a plan as a whole or a petition(s), within an area specified by SDOT, must be circulated to show that a minimum of 60% of the residences support a permanent installation. If neither is obtained by the neighborhoods prior to the completion of the bridge project, SDOT is committed to removing the temporary measures.

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